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DONORA WOMAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING OBSCENE MATTER ON THE INTERNET

*Stories catalogue the sexual abuse, torture and murder of children*

(September 27, 2006) - A Donora woman has been charged with violating the federal obscenity laws, United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today. The indictment, returned on Tuesday, charges Karen Fletcher, age 54, of Donora, Pennsylvania, with six counts of Transportation of Obscene Matters (18 U.S.C. §§ 1462 (a) and 2).

According to information presented to the court, Fletcher owned a publicly accessible website [www.red-rose-stories.com](http://www.red-rose-stories.com). The website included areas and content available to the public, consisting primarily of excerpts from extremely explicit and graphic stories describing the sexual abuse, rape, torture and murder of children. The website advertised that additional areas and content were available for those who purchased a membership to the website and became a "member" of [www.red-rose-stories.com](http://www.red-rose-stories.com). For a fee, members to the website could access and download the full text of each advertised story.

According to Ms. Buchanan, the indictment alleges that, on August 8, 2005, Fletcher used an interactive computer service to distribute the following sexually explicit stories pertaining to adults having sex with children:

- "jandj.txt" - a text description of the torture and sexual molestation of two-year-old "Mina", and the sexual molestation and murder of four-year-old "Cindy;"
- "melinda.txt" - a text description of the kidnapping and sexual molestation of eight-year-old "Melinda;"
- "4men2.txt" - a text description of the sexual molestation of a five-year-old girl;
- "katie.txt" - a text description of the kidnapping, torture, and sexual molestation of six-year-old "Katie;"
- "redonnashow.txt" - a text description of the torture and sexual molestation of an eight-year-old girl, a nine-year-old boy, and a four-year-old girl; and
- "M&M.doc" - a text description of the torture and sexual molestation of five-year-old "Katey" and the sexual molestation of a six-year-old girl.

"Use of the Internet to distribute obscene stories like these not only violates federal law, but also emboldens sex offenders who would target children," stated Ms. Buchanan.

The law provides for a maximum total sentence of thirty (30) years in prison, a fine of \$1,500,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephen R. Kaufman and Department of Justice Trial Attorney Michael I. Yoon, of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, are prosecuting this case. The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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